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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. **ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail *DMAFR@fws.gov*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the *Federal Register* notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, "Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government," and the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Jeremy Searle, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; PRT-56964A

The applicant requests a permit to import DNA samples created from specimens of anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis*), removed from the wild and captive bred in zoos for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Tom Chiang, East Orange, NJ; PRT-101634

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: ADL Seven Hunting Ranch, Crystal City, TX; PRT-63141A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) from captive herds for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Rhodes Bobbitt, Los Angeles, TX; PRT-58990A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Eudora Farms LLC, Salley, SC; PRT-63288A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), and radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Kansas City Zoo, Kansas City, MO; PRT-681588

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae

Camelidae

Canidae

Equidae

Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot)

Hominidae

Hylobatidae

Lemuridae

Macropodidae

Rhinocerotidae

Gruidae

Psittacidae [does not include thick-billed parrot (*Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha*)]

Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)

Crocodylidae [does not include American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*)]

Applicant: Hill Country Aviaries, LLC, Dripping Springs TX; PRT-826561

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Vinaceous Amazon (*Amazona vinacea*), Red-browed Amazon (*Amazona rhodocorytha*), Golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*), and Blue-throated parakeet (*Pyrrhura cruentata*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Metro Richmond Zoo, Moseley, VA; PRT-57466A

The applicant requests a permit to import 6 female captive-born cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus jubatus*) from De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Centre, De Wildt, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the species through propagation.

Applicant: William Mcilwee, El Cajon, CA; PRT-59289A

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok

(Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the

management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of

the survival of the species.

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